

## ABSTRACT:

The present invention relates to a discharge lamp containing a radioactive gas for starting said lamp. The radioactive gas is enclosed in a capsule, a wall of which is transparent to the radioactive radiation. Thus, the capsule promotes the starting of the discharge lamp, whilst preventing consumption of the radioactive gas which it contains, since  
5 the latter is isolated from the filling gas by the sealed walls of the capsule. The service life of the discharge lamp is thus increased.

Fig. 1

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